

## Religious Political Tests.

The Chicago Press and Tribune is agitating the question whether Mr. Douglas is a Catholic, and Republican papers are copying it. They were not troubled about Mr. Douglas's condition when they supposed that he had no religion, and was thought to be rather a hard case. It is only since it was thought that he might be a Catholic, that this anxiety began. It would seem by this that they would prefer that Mr. Douglas should go to hell, than that he should be saved by Catholic faith. That is a Christian spirit.

The Press and Tribune has a communication, which it avers is from a responsible source, which says that Mr. Douglas "is the owner or renter of a pew in a Catholic church in Washington, that the door of the pew has on it a large plate inscribed with his name, 'S. A. Douglas,' and that when he goes to church in Washington he sits in that pew."

This is a dreadful state of things! but as if it were not bad enough to be a Catholic, and have a pew in a Catholic Church, aggravating the offense by a large door-plate with his name on it, the writer adds: "There, he is believed to conform to the ceremonial requirements of the Catholic Church, and to indorse its policy." Confession to its ceremonial requirements! Very likely he makes the sign of the Cross, which we all know is a Papist symbol and perhaps he kneels in Church! If he does, of course he kneels to the Romish images and saints! But what most aggravates the case is that he "indorses its policy." Think of a member of the Presbyterian or Episcopal Church indorsing its policy!

This stuff is used as campaign ammunition against Mr. Douglas. Suppose these papers carry their point and establish the role that being a Catholic is a reason why a man should not be President. It would be only a Protestant rule, and would carry its corollary, that Catholics should not vote for a Protestant; thus the rule introduces religious tests into our elections and establishes the principle of a union of church and state at once. We say it establishes the principle of a union of church and state in its broadest sense; then all we need will be some way of putting it in practice; and let it be remembered that we have a little germ of a State religion now in existence, which can be expanded to any dimensions.

We have army and navy chaplains, appointed by the President—a nice little church establishment, which can be expended with the growth of our army and navy, dockyards, and fortifications. Let any one take the ratio of increase of the army within his own recollection, and calculate the future by it, remembering its constantly accumulating increase, from its increasing political power, and taking the contingencies of wars of conquest or defense, into the calculation, and including the navy and the forts, and he will see that our church establishment, though but a grain of mustard seed now, has the capacity to grow until the whole country shall be under its shade. Suppose all this Government influence is added to a great Church, whose preponderance is already so great, and the fear is appealed to for political purposes, what would be the probable consequence?

The Catholics have just as much right to make a religious test in favor of a Catholic for President, as Republicans or Americans have against him; and suppose they should succeed in a contest into which Protestants had introduced this principle, would they not have a right to use their power in our church establishment? We say seriously, that the American people, in nourishing a church establishment, which will expand with that ever-expanding power—a standing army and navy—and in making religious tests in politics, are fooling with a bull that one of these days will have his horns into them.

**Democratic Politics at Newport.**  
There is a proverbial honor among thieves; therefore it would seem that the Newport office-holding Democrats are not all thieves, for honor has dropped out, at least in one instance. But perhaps it would be safer to judge by actual evidence than to trust to proverbial wisdom, to such intricate ratiocination. Dr. J. Q. A. Foster, Postmaster in the neighboring town of Newport, Ky., has published his affidavit that he, with J. D. Helm, the Sheriff of Campbell County, and other Democratic officeholders, have for several years been organized and bound by a written pledge, now in possession of Sheriff Helm, to control and divide the offices among themselves, and to pack the conventions in the county to that end; which secret society has been in successful operation up to this time, to the great comfort of the faithful few.

But why does Dr. J. Q. A. Foster publish to the world a conspiracy in which he was confederate, to cheat the people of Campbell County out of their right to choose their own officers, by the trick of packed conventions? Why does he confess that all their patriotism and holy democracy and rabid zeal against the Abolitionists, were only a part of the trick to the eyes of the people, while he and the rest of the political blacklegs shuffled and stockaded the official cards? Is he penitent, and has he taken the confessional to relieve an overburdened conscience? Is it because "when the devil was kind, the devil a monk would be?" Does he wish to make amends to the cheated people of Campbell County? Not at all; but he thinks that Sheriff Helm has not treated him right; therefore he "peaches"—to use appropriate phrase—"blows" the gang—he turns State's evidence for revenge. State's evidence should always be taken with proper allowance, especially when it admits that it is instigated by treachery to confederates, for the sake of revenge.

Reverend Mr. Buchanan's Postmaster confesses that he was a partner with the Sheriff to divide the profits on the sale of Waggoner, a free colored boy, who was decoyed from this side of the river, and sold on suspicion of being a slave. It will be remembered that Waggoner was hounded out of the way of an injunction, and very mysteriously and secretly sold at public sale, by Sheriff Helm. To Dr. Foster, the present affidavit, "This will explain the remarkable zeal for 'Southern institutions,' which they and a few others displayed in that case."

As we observed before, State's evidence should be received with allowance. That a set of politicians should put their names to such a pledge, and leave it to the custody of one of their number, argues a softness which we should not expect to find in the County of Campbell. The pledge itself would be better evidence. It is not customary to receive private evidence of a written document.

There have been secret joint stock political organizations before now, and they are not uncommon still; but that kind of chaps do not usually put their names to paper pledges. These societies do not thrive well after they are found out, and it is quite likely that the people of Campbell County will take the control of their political affairs into their own hands for a while, and relieve these patriotic gentlemen from their arduous labors, as fast as their official terms expire.

## The Latest News

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE DAILY PRESS.

## Additional Foreign News by the Bohemian.

QUEBEC, July 30.—In the House of Lords, on the 17th, Lord Brougham called attention to the case of a negro lady who was recently refused a first-class passage in a Cunard steamer on the ground of color. He said he had no doubt but that damages could be recovered if the matter had not been compromised.

Lower Soudhouse confirmed the news that 500 Christians had been massacred in Damascus, and all the Consulate houses, with the exception of the British, had been burned.

The fourteenth session of the International Congress opened in London, on the 10th. Delegates from all parts of the world were present. The representations from the United States were Judge Longstreet and Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Dallas was also present in the midst of numerous distinguished guests.

At a preliminary meeting Mr. Millicent Fawcett, M. P., presented the name of the British Government, Prince Albert, President of the Congress, delivered an appropriate inaugural address. After the address the following list of incidents occurred: Brougham, in the morning, Mr. Dallas, in the afternoon, said he hoped Mr. Dallas would forgive him for reminding him that there was a negro present as a member of the Congress.

This was the first time that a negro had been present at the Congress. Mr. Dallas made no sign in response, but the negro in question, Dr. Delany, rose and returned thanks for the kind allusion which had been made to him and assured all present that he, too, was a man.

This was greeted with renewed cheering from all parts of the hall.

The second Neapolitan Plenipotentiary to Sardinia had reached Turin. A Neapolitan Minister had also reached Paris.

A new Sicilian ministry had been formed. Senator Condolanti, Arce, the historian, and Senator Emergenti are among the members, and Lagotzi, Laporta and Orsini continue in the cabinet.

A complex telegram says that a strong and compact ministry would be immediately formed, to carry out to their full extent the principles of the Constitution and Government, and to watch over the interests of the nation.

The latest news from Naples reports the dismissal of the ministry. Commander De Martino only would remain in the new Cabinet.

Beirut, June 11.—The attack of the Druses on the Christians at Damascus commenced on the evening of the 9th inst. Several men were killed, and many women carried off. The French, Russian and Greek consuls took refuge in the house of Abul Kadur.

The attitude of the Turkish authorities was unbecomingly hostile. The Turkish soldiers arrived here today. The fears of the Christians are redoubled, and Commissioners Derby and Norwich are expected with imminence.

Details to July 1 say it was then ascertained that the Druses had burned and pillaged 101 villages since the 27th of May, while from 1,000 to 8,000 Christians and Moslems of Lebanon, many of whom were wealthy men and all strangers to any thing like poverty, are homeless beggars, dependent upon charity for their daily bread.

And above the number of Christians still in actual warfare, it is believed that 7,000 or 8,000 have been butchered in cold blood. The massacre at Damascus was not confined to the Christians, but Moslems and Jews were also slain. The most sickening details are given of the barbarities inflicted on all ages and sexes.

A French vessel had been sent to Laishak and was obliged to take up a position within firing distance of the town, in order to restrain the fanatic portion of the inhabitants from committing further outrages.

The Austrian Frigate *Redoutable* had been ordered to proceed to Syria to co-operate with vessels of other powers there.

Great agitation prevailed at Aleppo and Kilis.

Italy.—Great military camps are to be formed at about the end of August, in the neighborhood of Turin, Alessandria, Milan, Florence and Bologna.

The Minister of War, at Turin, had issued a notification, informing all released officers of the army that the necessity of calling them again to service had ceased.

The Pope, in a consistorial held on the 9th inst., pronounced an almighty, energetically protesting against the Piedmontese Government on account of its arrest and condemnation of the Bishops of Pavia, Imola, Fano and Piacenza, approving the conduct of these Bishops, and designated the annexation of the Bishops and Legations to Piedmont as a usurpation.

London, July 18.—The Funds have been dull, but without material variation. On the 17th there was a slight improvement under the influence of the Exchange's financial statement. The demand for money continues active, and the applications at the bank were numerous, although not so pressing as they have been.

Additional failures in the leather trade continue to take place in the provinces. The total failures are estimated at £3,000,000.

By Telegram to London.

London, July 19.—A private telegram has been received in anticipation of the mail, the date of which is believed to be Hong Kong, July 7, which states the shipment of tea to be 1,000,000 pounds since the departure of the previous mail.

The Ellen Rogers had sailed with some new tea on board, and some 30,000 chests had arrived that port.

Another telegram says that the exports of tea show no increase. The exports of silk were 6,700 bales.

Trade at Shanghai was suspended. The British were investing South Sea. As regards the war with England and France, it is said that the Chinese are resolved to fight.

Paris, July 19.—The *Monteur*, says that the Sultan has addressed the following letter to the Emperor, dated July 18.

"I have at heart, that your Majesty should know with what grief I have learned of the events in Syria, for your Majesty is concerned that I shall employ all my power for establishing security and order in Syria; that I shall severely punish the guilty parties who, in order to leave no doubt of my government, I have entrusted that important mission to my Minister of Foreign Affairs, with whose principles your Majesty is acquainted."

London, July 19.—It is reported that the French Government had received a communication from St. Petersburg, expressing the desire of Russia to act in accord with France and England in the East. The Russian Cabinet reiterates its opinion that the recent events now transpiring in the East, hold in suspense the peace of the world, and that the very existence of Turkey is at stake.

The Pays seems to imply that more massacres are in contemplation, and that the excitement of the disturbances in Syria, have ramifications with other parts of the Ottoman Empire; that the events in Syria were only a prelude to a formidable rising of the Ottoman populace against the Christians, and that similar projects are stated to have been long since concocted by fanatical conspirators.

The Paris correspondent of the *Herald* writes that the 4,000 men collected at Catania have not embarked, as the dispatch of a larger force has been decided upon.

The steamer *New York* from New York, arrived off Cowes on Thursday morning. Liverpool, July 19.—Cotton.—The sales for three days have been 28,000 bales. The market closed steady, and freely supplied.

## HOME INTERESTS.

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600 Clothing renovated and repaired, 59 E. Third.

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600 A. A. STILES, Clocks, Watches and Jewelry, Nos. 93 and 271 Western-ave.

600 Pictures for ten cents at Jones's Gallery, Ninth and Main.

600 Prices Reduced.—Pictures ten cents and upward at APPELBAUM'S Mammoth Gallery, corner of Fifth and Main.

600 Has Arrived.—Dr. JAMES, of New Orleans, has arrived in the city and will shortly locate on the first floor of the building of Chronic Diseases. Due notice will be given where he may be found.

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